

REMARKS

The Examiner has lodged §112 rejections to claims 34-36 and indicates in the Action that there is a lack of clarity in the operation of the claim understood in light of the specification. The Applicant cancels claim 36, and further directs the Examiner's attention to Fig. 22a, which may be the simplest figure in the application to understand the operation of the device as claimed. As set forth in the specification the core 312 is threaded into a plug that can slide in the tube 320. The sliding motion is limited by the length of the slot 410 due to the interruption or abutment of the flange 408 with the ends of the slot typified in the figure by reference 414. Thus when advanced distally the core wire 312 slides the plug until it abuts surface 414 then force is applied to the implant. When retracted proximally the flange abuts the other end of the slot indicated at location 412. While sliding in this intermediate position no shape change occurs in the implant.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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